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MONTREAL FOR U.S. ICAO REP DOWNES
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1. SUMMARY. BOTH BRIEFINGS ON LANDING SYSTEMS CONDUCTED ON SCHEDULE WITH EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE AND RECEPTION. TIMING GOOD SINCE UK REPRESENTATIVE HAD PRECEDED FAA TEAM BY ABOUT A WEEK AT BOTH LOCATIONS. BOTH COUNTRIES EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT SELECTION OF MLS MEANS EARLY REPLACEMENT OF ILS, EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EQUIPMENT COST, AND WERE IMPRESSED WITH RANGE OF TRSB SYSTEM HARDWARE BEING OFFERED. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCRA BRIEFING. DURING PRELIMINARY MORNING MEETING ON FEBRUARY 17 WITH ACTING DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION KAKU A. KWAW AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR TIM K. PAPPOE, TEAM WAS TOLD UK REPS HAD BEEN THERE EARLIER IN THE WEEK. GHANA PLANS
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TO SEND TWO TECHNICAL PEOPLE TO AWOD MEETING, ONE WITH OPERATIONS BACKGROUND (A1 K. QUARTEY) THE OTHER WITH ELECTRONICS BACKGROUND (KWAW COULD NOT RECALL NAME). FROM TYPE OF GOG DELEGATION TO AWOD MEETING, FAA TEAM FELT THAT UK REPS HAD TOLD KWAW THAT FURTHER TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT WOULD BE MADE. TEAM DID ITS BEST TO POINT OUT THAT TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT WAS COMPLETED BY AWOP IN

MARCH 1977.

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(Y PERSONS ATTENDED 2-1/2/2 HOUR BRIEFING AT DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION. IN ADDITION TO KWAW AND PAPPOE, THERE WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM GHANA AIR FORCE, GHANA AIRWAYS, AND ROYAL NETHERLANDS EMBASSY. REMAINDER OF ATTENDEES WERE FROM VARIOUS ECHELONS OF DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION.

4. KWAW SAID AFTER BRIEFING THAT HIS PEOPLE ASKED FAA TEAM MORE QUESTIONS THAN THEY DID OF UK TEAM.

5. UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHO COMPRISED UK TEAM.

6. UNABLE TO DETERMINE GOG POSITION TRSB VS. DMLS.

7. SINCE DWEMOH (NOW MINISTER OF TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS) OUT OF TOWN, TEAM LEFT TALKING POINTS AND TRSB FILM WITH EMBASSY WHO WILL FOLLOW THROUGH WITH DWEMOH LATER.

8. AMBASSADOR SMITH AND STAFF BRIEFED AND SUPPORTED TEAM THROUGHOUT VISIT.

9. LAGOS BRIEFING. ABOUT 32 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE BRIEFING INCLUDING DIRECTOR GENERAL OGUNBIYI. UK TEAM HAD MET WITH SOME GON TOP-LEVEL PEOPLE LAST WEEK BUT HAD NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCLUDED MANY OF THE DGCA STAFF. QUESTIONS FROM AUDIENCE CENTERED PRIMARILY ON COST AND EASE OF INSTALLATION WHICH TEAM EMPHASIZED IN FAVOR OF TRSB.

10. ONE SOURCE TOLD TEAM THAT UK TEAM SAID QUOTE PLESSEY PLANS TO SUE FAA UNQUOTE.

11. INDICATIONS FROM ONE HIGH OFFICIAL (ODIGWE, CHIEF SIGNALS OFFICER) AND ONE LOWER LEVEL OFFICER (A NIGERIAN CIVIL AVIATION FLYING UNIT PILOT) WERE THAT NIGERIA PREFERRED TRSB/MLS. NIGERIA WILL SEND TWO PEOPLE TO AWOD MEETING IN MONTREAL ALTHOUGH OGONBIYI DID NOT GIVE TEAM THEIR NAMES. EMBASSY OFFICERS BRIEFED AND ASSISTED TEAM THROUGHOUT VISIT. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP WITH OGUNBIYI TO TRY TO GATHER FURTHER INFORMATION ON NIGERIAN PARTICIPANTS IN APRIL AWOD MEETING.

12. FAA TEAM HAD FULL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FROM U.S. EMBASSIES IN ACCRA AND LAGOS.
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